

ELECTORS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The great right of suffrage, it is once more your duty to exercise. Every instinct of patriotism urges you to use it well; to use it against corruption in high places. The verdict of the ten jurymen in the Senecal-Laurier libel suit was practically to the effect that the Province was ruled by "A DEN OF THIEVES." Only two jurymen took an opposite view of the case, although all the influence of the Government was exercised to the utmost, although the Chapleau Ministers showed the interest they took in the trial by assisting the private prosecution by two Crown lawyers, while the Hon. Mr. Laurier, his counsel being ill, was not allowed to address the jury in his own behalf. *The Government was practically on its trial, for honest administration, and ten of the jurymen condemned it.*

Consider the state of public affairs in this Province. After thirteen years of rule by the Chapleau party, we have a PUBLIC DEBT OF OVER \$17,000,000. The real deficit for the first ten months of the year 1880-81 was \$880,431.40. For the whole year the deficit must be over \$900,000.00, although the treasurer of the Province endeavors to hide the true state of affairs by charging much of this deficit to capital account. The deficit of the year 1879-80 was \$594,946.14.

The Hon. Mr. Joly during the twelve months from July, 1878, to 1879, in which he was in office *reduced the controllable expenditure by \$244,614.00*, and had estimated to reduce it still more in the ensuing year, estimates which the Chapleau Government exceeded.

Mr. Chapleau boasts that he obtained a loan in France at a little over 98, but the truth is, after deducting the difference of exchange and other charges, the loan was obtained at less than 95.

It is his intention also to sell for \$8,000,000 the Q., M., O. & O. Railway, which cost the Province \$13,000,000 to build. The Province has good reason to fear the sale, by such a Government, of its most valuable asset. In a few years nothing but the \$13,000,000 of the debt would remain.

Provincial bankruptcy stares us in the face. DIRECT TAXATION is inevitable, unless the Government is checked in its reckless career. Two Conservative administrations of the Senecal-Chapleau party have already threatened us with it. If the Senecal-Chapleau-Paquet faction is returned, the evil day will at last have dawned.

Vote, electors of the Province, to keep the *Provincial tax-gatherer* from your doors! Vote for retrenchment in the Civil service! Vote for an end to the present profligate and extravagant expenditure of public money! Vote for honesty of Government, as proclaimed for the Hon. Mr. Joly! Vote for the *abolition of the Legislative Council*, the asylum of political refugees and irresponsibles, who have already cost the Province over \$500,000 and are a standing hindrance to righteous legislation and *popular Government*. Vote for reform in the Primary School system! Vote for the Liberal candidates, the supporters of honest and economical administration! Vote against a Government, which obtained power through the purchased votes of five men, elected to support Mr. Joly, but who basely yielded to the hopes of plunder held out by Messrs. Senecal and Chapleau! Vote for Reform!